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REMARKS

Restriction election for Group I (claims 1-21) has been made without traversal. Claims 1-44 were pending in the application. By this paper, Claims 22-44 have been cancelled and claims 45-60 have been added. Therefore, Claims 1-21 and 45-54 are presented for examination herein. All of claims 45-54 were drafted to fall into the elected Group I.

Paragraph numbers

For 35 USC 112 support discussions, I make use of the paragraph numbers of US2002/0062385 A1, i.e., the published application corresponding to the present invention.

Amendments to Existing Claims

Applicant has decided that within the species of Group I, it would be best to specifically provide individual claims that specify the particular type of peripherals being supplied (e.g., user interface peripherals, network access peripherals, power adapter peripherals, etc.) by the peripheral augmentation service. This helps clarify the claimed subject matter and more clearly points out the specific novel aspects of the invention being claimed in each claim. Also, claims 1 and 7 were changed to "system" claims because certain modules and/or related method steps could be offloaded as discussed in paragraph 0044, among others.

New Claims dependent on Existing Claims

Claims 45-56 depend on claims 7, 16, and 17. These claims are similar to dependent claims 4 and 5. Note the amendment to claim 5 is supported in the published application at paragraph [0039]. Other related support can be found in paragraphs 0076, 0077, 0082, and 0084, among others.

Other New Claims

Claim 57 was drafted by copying Claim 1 and modifying the "user interface peripheral augmentation service" and changing it to a "WAN-offloading peripheral augmentation service." Support for this type of peripheral service is provided, in the published application at paragraphs 0012, 0054, 0057, 0068, 0075, 0076, 0077, 0082, among others. A wherein clause was also added to recite additional specific limitations related to the above citations.

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Claim 58 was drafted by copying Claim 7 and making similar changes as was used to modify Claim 1. Claim 59 adds additional dependent limitations to Claim 58 (support: *inter alia*: at 0052).

Claim 60 was drafted by copying Claim 16 and making similar changes as was used to modify Claim 1. Additional limitations were also added (support: *inter alia*: at 0012, 0054, 0056, 0057, 0068, 0075, 0076, 0077, 0082, among others).

Summary

Applicant has selected Group I and made some modifications to more clearly point out novel aspects the portions of the restricted invention that falls into Group I.

Applicant notes that any amendments or claim cancellations made herein and not substantively discussed above are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such amendments or cancellations not substantively discussed.

Furthermore, any remarks made herein with respect to a given claim or amendment are intended only in the context of that specific claim or amendment, and should not be applied to other claims, amendments, or aspects of Applicant's invention.

Applicant specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of differing and broader scope than those presented herein in a continuation application.

Lastly, Applicant notes that any amendments made by this paper which are not specifically discussed herein are made solely for the purpose of more clearly and particularly pointing out and claiming Applicant's invention.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (305) 735-8533.

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